

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 9, and 13 are amended by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding *Quayle* Action, the specification was objected; Figures 7 and 8 were objected as missing the terms (s) and (p), respectively; and Claims 1-14 were objected to as not placing reference characters in parentheses.

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Hartman for the issuance of the *Quayle* Action and for the courtesy of the telephone discussions conducted on July 19, 2004 and July 6, 2004.

During those discussions, Examiner Hartman agreed that the objection to “paragraph 37” of the specification need not be addressed, since equation 3 at page 9 of the specification is in proper notation; that the objection to Claims 1-14 need not be addressed, since the claims are more easily understood if the reference characters are not separated by parentheses;¹ and that the objection to Claim 1 may be overcome by reciting “(n = 1, 2, 3, ...)” where shown.

In view of the above discussions and the Examiner’s comments within the Action, Claim 1 is amended to insert “(n = 1, 2, 3, ...)”; and element 1a of Figure 7 is amended to reflect its description in the specification.² Element 1 of Figure 8 is not amended, as that element is similar to element 1 of Figure 1,³ and thus already reflects its description in Figure 1 and the specification.

¹ However, the claims are amended to remove all underlining in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The variables for scalar values, e.g., “x”, are appropriately replaced with new terminology, e.g., “scalar x”.

² Specification, page 11, line 24.

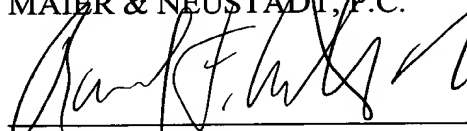
³ Specification, page 12, lines 17-18.

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Accordingly, as the present response is believed to address each of the outstanding formal matters, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and further requests that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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